



Year 3 (7+) Entrance Tests

Specimen Papers and Guidance

Selection for 7+ is carried out in January with children coming for one of several half-day assessment sessions. Parents are invited to submit any special information, which they believe relevant to their child's application, and a reference is also sought from the child's current school. A pupil who enters Year 3 in September is expected to have completed Key Stage 1 of the National Curriculum and to be working a little above the national standard expected for their age.

The tests are carried out in small groups, under test conditions, with appropriate help given if required. Children stay with the same teachers in the same classroom for all sessions. Although sessions are formal, the atmosphere is relaxed, and opportunities are given for the pupils to chat to each other and the staff between tests. A break takes place during the session when the pupils are given refreshments and the opportunity to relax.

Testing consists of:

- **Maths** – mental arithmetic and a written paper based on SATs format.
- **English** – reading comprehension, reading aloud for accuracy and understanding and a short piece of unaided writing based on pictures and written prompts.
- **Verbal and non-verbal reasoning tests** – useful predictors of future achievement.

Specimen papers are available for Maths and Written English.

Selection of successful candidates is based on the accumulative score from all tests. Children who show a slight weakness in a specific area may still be accepted and parents informed so that remedial action can be taken before entry to the school. Parents' information and references from current schools may be used as a source of additional information, especially in borderline cases.

The offer of places will be made towards the end of January.

Candidates unable to attend through illness will be tested as soon as possible after the tests.

1. Write the following numbers in order:

73

85

61

32

57

49

smallest

largest

2. Write the missing numbers in the boxes:

3. $16 + 7 =$ _____

4. In a box there are 9 red bean bags, 6 yellow bean bags and 5 blue bean bags. How many bean bags are there altogether?

_____ beanbags

5. $43 + 51 =$ _____

6. $48 + 65 =$ _____

7. What is 5 more than 97? _____

8. Write these words in numbers:

Sixty-eight: _____

One hundred and fifty: _____

Seven hundred and six: _____

9. David had 20 marbles but lost 4. How many has he left?

_____ marbles

10. $14 - \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 6$

11. $56 - 23 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

12. $72 - 37 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

13. In a school there are 401 children. During the year, 5 children leave. How many children are left in the school?

_____ children

14. Look at these numbers:

9 11 18 7 12 20

Draw a circle around each even number.

15. What are the next two numbers

1 2 4 7 _____

16. Which two numbers make 1000?

200

600

350

450

500

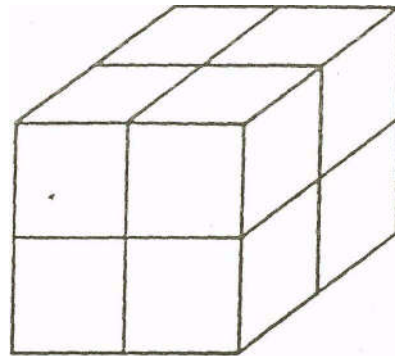
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17. If a pencil costs 26p, which three coins would you use to pay for it exactly?

Answer: _____

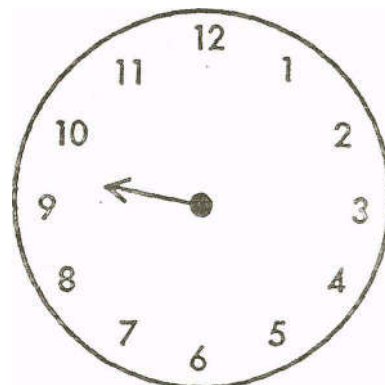
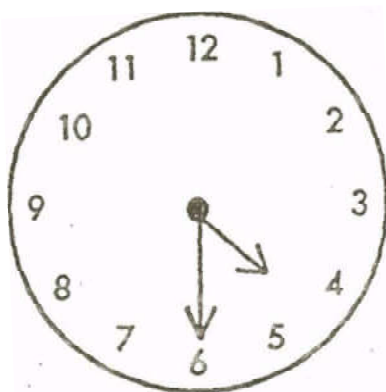
18. This box shape, or cuboid, is built with small bricks like this.

How many of the small bricks are needed? _____



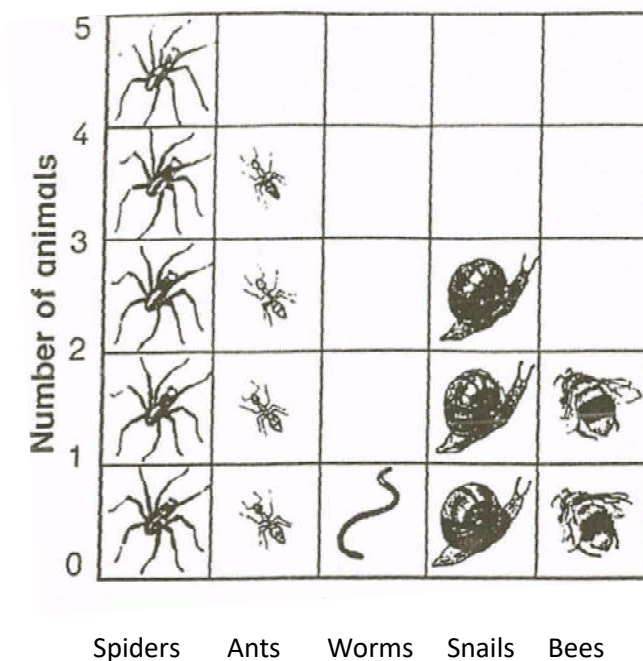
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$\frac{1}{2}$ past _____



Draw $\frac{1}{4}$ past 9

20. Graph of animals

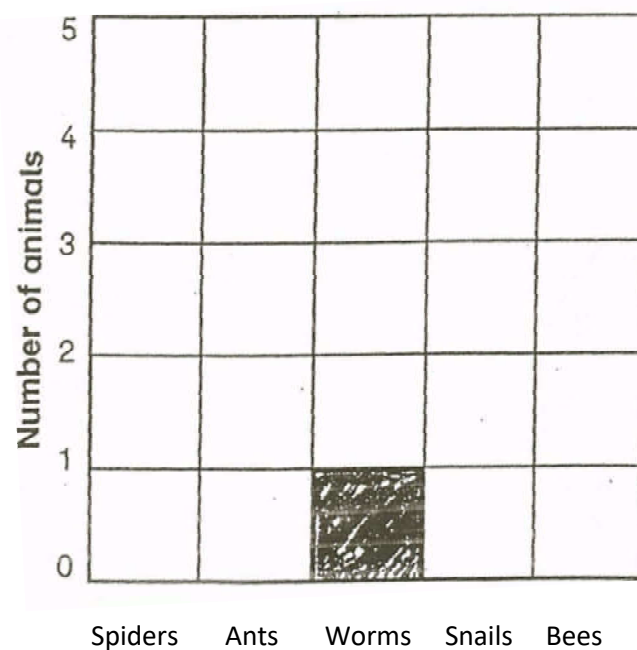


How many spiders are there? _____

How many snails are there? _____

How many more ants than bees are there? _____

21. Draw a block graph like this



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Written English Specimen Paper 7+



The Box

Describe what is happening in the pictures and continue the story.

Useful Words: box room poster key walk door open shake